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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:
TAKADA, Minoru et al.

Serial No.: Filed herewith

Filed: Herewith

For: INJECTION STRETCH BLOW MOLDING METHOD WITH UPRIGHT
PREFORM MOLDING AND INVERTED BLOW MOLDING

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Potential references from the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/310,014 filed May 11, 1999, grandparent 09/052,204 filed March 31, 1998, and great-grandparent 08/474,746 filed June 7, 1995, English-language equivalents for German applications upon which priority was claimed in French '580 and '588 (U.S. Patent Nos. 4,391,578 and 4,102,626, respectively), and patent abstracts in English as partial translations of DE 4,033,531 and CH 631,654 were submitted, along with a copy of the International Search Report. Further submitted were two U.S. Patents to Orimoto et al. and applicant wishes to bring U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/229,647 (filed 04/19/94) and 08/528,193 (filed 09/14/95) to the Examiner's attention. Because this art was submitted in the parent and grandparent

applications, copies are not submitted herewith. Consideration of these potential references and an acknowledgement of making them of record is hereby respectfully requested. Applicant further wishes to bring the fact that three divisionals from the grandparent application were filed on March 31, 1998 as follows: Serial No. 09/052,204 (Docket No. D-6898), Serial No. 09/052,206 (Docket No. D-6899) and Serial No. 09/052,217 (Docket No. D-6900). In addition, Applicant wishes to bring Serial No. 09/271,572 filed March 16, 1999, and Serial No. 09/653,222 filed August 31, 2000 to the Examiner's attention (Docket Nos. D-7313 and 00-8666, respectively).

The enclosed references were cited in the German litigation mentioned in the parent application. The German defendant, Krupp Corpoplast or related entity, has asserted dates of publication of October 1992 for all the "other references" submitted herewith (except the 1989 activity report asserted to have been published in 1990). The German defendant has specifically asserted that these various documents were distributed, and has alleged that a flexible buffer storage was used at a trade show in October 1992 in Düsseldorf, Germany.

The EP reference is submitted herewith because it was submitted by the German defendant, but it is not considered to be prior art against this U.S. application because of the chain of priority back to June 1995. The filing of this disclosure statement, the disclosure of these references, and the dates alleged by the German defendant do not constitute an admission as to any facts concerning these references, including but not limited to whether they constitute publication, the alleged date of publication, whether they constitute prior art, what they allegedly teach, or any other facts.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned directly. It is not believed that any additional fees are due. However, in the event additional fees are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Applicant's

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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